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Lent Fourth Sunday

March 21 - 22, 2020 Vol. 83, No. 17

Welcome!

We are excited to share the Good News with you! Guests, please sign our guestbook in the entry. Please join us again.

Serving Us This Week

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ ORGANIST Colleen Matzke VIDEO Craig Stelter & Matthew Kranz

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

PASTOR N Mayhew ♦ ORGANIST Viv Hanel VIDEO Craig Stelter & Matthew Kranz

The LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Isaiah 49:13

This Week

Sat Mar 21 6:00p No WORSHIP

Sun Mar 22 9:15a Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*

10:00a Online WORSHIP - join us live by following the link at the top of

the page on our website www. Immanuel Mankato.org

or find and watch the recording afterwards at www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

Mon Mar 23 9:30a Online Chapel - join us via YouTube

Tues Mar 24 9:30a Online Chapel - join us via YouTube

3-5p Pastors' Office Hours

7:00p Board of Education meeting, high school language room

Wed Mar 25 9:30a Online Chapel - join us via YouTube

12:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7

1:00p Online WORSHIP - join us live by following the link at the top of

the page on our website www. Immanuel Mankato.org

or find and watch the recording afterwards at www.lmmanuelMankato.org/sermons/

5:00p Public School Catechism Class, online

Thu Mar 26 9:30a Online Chapel - join us via YouTube

5:45p Televised WORSHIP Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7

Fri Mar 27 8-9:30a Pastors' Office Hours

9:30a Online Chapel - join us via YouTube

Weekend activities listed below are all TENTATIVE - watch for announcements

Sat Mar 28 9:00a Worship Music Practice, church sanctuary

6:00p WORSHIP

7:00p Bible Study in the church basement

7:00p Saturday School in the Kindergarten room

Sun Mar 29 Food Shelf Sunday: donations accepted in the church office entry or offering plate

9:00a Bible Study in the church basement

9:00a Sunday School in designated classrooms

9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM

10:00a WORSHIP

11:00a Church Choir Practice in the sanctuary

Serving Us Next Week

PASTOR Neal Radichel ♦ DEACON Tim Williams ♦ ORGANIST Bonnie Cornish SOUND C Stelter ♦ VIDEO A Olmanson ♦ SCREEN (Sat) R Hanel (Sun) C Kuehne FLOWERS Mark Stelter ♦ USHERS Council Members

Last Week

Gatherings

March 14 - 15

Saturday Worship: 71 Sunday Worship: 164 Weekend Total: 235 Saturday Bible Class: 11 Sunday Bible Class: 22 Sunday School: 5 Ambassadors: 5

Fruits of Faith

Immanuel

Current Expenses \$6,391.52 Weekly Need \$14,700.46

Benevolent \$30 ILS Foundation \$15 ILS Interactive Display Fund \$5 ILS Preschool Fund \$25 ILS Student Aid \$640 Land Purchase \$150 Lent \$82.60

Major Improvement **\$4** MPF Bleacher Fund **\$1**

CLC

Missions (Coop. Budgeted Plan CBP) **\$686** Weekly Need \$1,211.66

ILC Building \$20 KINSHIP \$25 Mission Development Fund (MDF) \$130 Mission Helper (Mankato) \$300

In memory of Herb Geiger ILS Undesignated \$50

Immanuel Announcements

MEMORIAL PLANTS FOR THE ALTAR ON EASTER

Women's Study Guild is offering 2 types of 6-inch potted plants to adorn the altar on Easter. If interested in purchasing plants, please sign up one of 3 ways: on the sheet in the entry way; by contacting Kristen at 507-382-5257 or by emailing StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org. Lilies are available for \$8 each; tulips are available for \$13 each. The deadline to order is Tuesday, March 31.

SAVE THE DATE: *Summer VBS* Due to the large number of students last summer, the Immanuel Board of Education has decided to host two separate and different sessions of Vacation Bible School this summer. The first will be held **June 8-12**. The second will be held **July 27-31**. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or both sessions!

MISSION HELPER FUND Immanuel is blessed to be represented on this year's CLC Mission Helper Trip by our member Nyibol Kuan. This trip is a significant expense and we generally try to support our Mission Helpers by helping them pay for part of their trip. The Mission Helper Fund is currently empty, so please consider supporting Nyibol and future Mission Helpers by giving to this fund. Thank you!

ERC MARCH UPDATE This past year the Expansion Relocation Committee (ERC) has been investigating three different approaches to expanding and/or relocating: 1) purchasing bare land and building new, 2) buying an existing facility and remodeling, and 3) starting a preschool. The ERC divided into groups to fabricate basic plans for how expansion/relocation phases would look for each approach. A big goal in the coming year(s) is to create unity within the congregation as to how, when, and where we will expand and/or relocate. The ERC hopes to have a variety of different presentations to the voters and congregation in the coming months. Stay tuned!

NEEDED: Funeral Volunteers Volunteers help setup, serve and clean up for meals at funerals. We are in need of adding additional names to the volunteer pool. If you would be willing to be contacted as needs arise, please connect with Marilyn Timm 507-387-7862 or Kristen Friedrichs 507-382-5257 to have your name added to the list.

NEEDED: Worship Service Volunteers We continue to need volunteers to (1) show slides for the worship services (contact: Cliff Kuehne 507-385-0696) and (2) video-record the worship services – particularly the midweek services (contact: Alan Olmanson 507-344-0328). Neither of these tasks are very complicated to do, but we would like to have a few more people to help if possible! Please contact the respective individuals above for more info.

NEEDED: School Janitor The Property Board is looking to hire a janitor for the school. This position will start at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Our longtime janitor, John Paulson, will be leaving the position at that time. Interested applicants are asked to leave a resume in the Property Board mailbox in the church office. Resumes will be taken through Friday, March 27. For more information, please connect with Kyle Hulke at 507-382-7335.

NEEDED: Hand Tools The Board of Property is looking to acquire donated hand tools (such as hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.) to supplement the tool inventory used to take care of the church and school. If you have any tools you would like to donate, please connect with Kyle Hulke at 507-382-7335.

SUMMARY OF VOTERS' MEETING: March 16, 2020

In membership matters, Amanda Hagen (communicant), with children Andrew Mersman (communicant), Ally Mersman (baptized), and Asher Hagen (baptized) were accepted into membership by confession of faith. Brady Kellogg was transferred to Resurrection of Corpus Christi, Texas. James Busse was released per his request.

Ross Kok was called to teach High School Math and Science.

The meeting was recessed to the call of the chairman.

Alan Olmanson, Congregational Secretary

ECHO FOOD SHELF If considering a donation to ECHO Food Shelf, please make your contributions this month to ECHO be primarily dollars rather than food if possible. You may put your monetary donation in the church collection plate and make sure it is well labeled for ECHO.

ECHO Food Shelf will be participating in this year's Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign through April 7. All monetary and food donations will be proportionately matched by MN Food Share. Every donation counts! . Monetary donations to ECHO can be made through their website or at their location, 1014 South Front Street. Every \$1 donated is equivalent to \$5.

CLC Announcements

CLC CALL NEWS Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call extended to him by Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, to be Principal and upper grades teacher. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY, to be their Principal/Teacher. <> Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI, has returned the call extended to her by Faith, Markesan, WI, to be their upper grades teacher. <> The Call Committee for Educational Institutions of the CLC has extended a divine call to Pastor Mark Weis of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD, to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary, filling the vacancy on the faculty due to the retirement of Prof. Paul Sullivan. Given the feedback the faculty has shared regarding the Regents' administrator proposal, the board decided it was wise at this time to resume the call process. Further solutions will be considered to address the growing administration needs on campus.

THIRD FULL-TIME MISSIONARY CALL Over the past two years the Board of Missions has fielded a number of questions about the calling of the third full-time missionary following the 2018 Convention. According to the resolution passed at that Convention the Board of Missions was "authorized to call a third full-time missionary" and a mechanism was offered to fund the costs of this missionary. The calling did not begin right away because our second missionary was refused entry back into India and the Board had to decide where to send him before structuring the call of the third missionary. In the time since Missionary Evensen was resettled in Togo, the Board of Missions has issued several calls, but a number of factors have played a roll in the Board's decision to suspend calling for the time being, one of which was the financial situation our synod was facing at the end of the year. Another factor is the mechanism by which the third missionary was to be funded and concerns the Board of Missions has regarding that. It is hoped that these issues can be addressed at the upcoming 2020 Convention so that we can resume calling.

RETIREMENT GIFT Professor Paul Sullivan has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day & Graduation festivities on May 22-23, 2020. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Sullivan as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation on May 23. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Sullivan Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of ILC: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by April 11 (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: ieb6217@yahoo.com.

INVITATION: Evangelism Workshop You are invited to an Evangelism Workshop at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, on Sunday, April 26. The theme is "Introducing the REAL Jesus." Almost everyone in our society has at least heard of Jesus, but many people have a misinformed idea of who He really is. At this workshop, we will learn about some of these misconceptions, and



discuss ways to introduce the real Jesus to people we care about. The presentations and group discussions go from 3 to 5:30 pm with a chili supper to follow. Plan now to attend!

CLC CONVENTION The 34th CLC Convention will be **June 25-28**, in Eau Claire, WI. A new video entitled "How Does Convention Work?" has been produced to explain the basics of Convention. If interested, please find this 14 minute video on the homepage of our synod's website <u>clclutheran.org</u>.

2020 MANUP! MEN'S RETREAT The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. For more information, pictures of previous retreats and reviews from those who have attended in the past, visit our website www.manup.clclutheran.org. Questions? Contact Phil Strike at plstrike7@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you in September!

2021 ISRAEL TRIP A group trip to Israel is being planned for January 13-22, 2021, with a possible 3-day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. We currently have 10 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip and many more who have expressed an interest. Join this group of likeminded believers as we see the places where God stepped into History to fulfill His plan of salvation for sinners! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew at 404-729-4602 or at ndmayhew@att.net.

Daily e-Devotions

Redeemer Compilation http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries/

This email subscription will provide you with free short devotions in your inbox daily. These devotions are written by a staff of CLC pastors and compiled by David Schaller.

Immanuel Lutheran College (ILC) Chapels

Audio recordings of ILC Chapels are regularly uploaded to the ILC website at http://ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/. These 10-minute sermons are an excellent source for morning devotions.

At the website listed above, you may subscribe to receive an email alert whenever these devotions are posted to the website.

These chapels can also now be listened to via podcast through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone.

These Chapel Talks are also now available on Amazon Echo & Google Home If you have a smart speaker device, you can now use it to listen to ILC morning chapel services.

For Amazon Echo, first enable the Stitcher skill, then say, "Alexa, ask Stitcher to play Morning Chapels from ILC."

For Google Home, simply say "Hey Google, play the most recent episode of Morning Chapels from ILC.

Burden & Blessing https://burdenblessing.podbean.com/

These podcasts cover a variety of topics, current events, and scriptural themes. This effort of CLC pastors will help you grow in your knowledge of God and the world from solid Biblical foundation.

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to <u>Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org</u> or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

2020 CLC Events Updated 2/14/2020

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YOUTH EVENTS	DATES	FOR AGES
CLC Grade School BB Tourney (ILC) www.clclutheran.net/tourney	March 13-15	Grades 5-8
Girls' Basketball Camp (ILC) <u>Ross.Rdoehl@ilc.edu</u>	June 11-13	Grades 5-12
CLC Youth Camp (Pillager, MN) www.facebook.com/clcyouthcamp	June 14-20	Grades 6-12
Black Hills Family Camp (South Dakota) AaronUde@gmail.com	July 10-14	All ages
Girls' Volleyball Camp (ILC) <u>Joe.Lau@ilc.edu</u>	July 19-22	Grades 5-12
Messiah Family Camp (Wisconsin) BruceNaumann@gmail.com	July 24-26	All ages
Lower Michigan Youth Camp <u>Pastor316@RedeemerCLC.info</u>	July 27-30	Grades 6-12
Pacific Northwest Youth / Family Camp <u>DaveReim77@gmail.com</u>	August 3-7	Grades 6 & up
Porcupine Mountains Camp Outing gnaoster@gmail.com	August 8-12	Grades 8-12
Christ's Explorer Camp (Gaston, SC) ChristsExplorersCamp.com	August 13-15	Grades 3-9
Worship in the Woods (Markesan, WI) pastor@markesanlutheran.com	August 14-16	All ages
EVENTS FOR ADULTS		
CLC Women's Retreat (Amery, WI) www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.con	March 20-22	All women
Arise and Shine Retreat (Pillager, MN) www.ariseandshineretreat.com	June 11-14	20's & 30's
CLC Convention at ILC	June 25-28	Delegates & Visitors
CLC Women's Retreat (Chadron, NE) www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	Sept 18-20 <u>n</u>	All women
CLC Men's Retreat (Wyalusing, WI) www.manup.clclutheran.org	Sept 24-27	All men
CLC Women's Retreat (Myrtle Beach, SC) www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	November 1-3	All women







"Who doesn't know the Lord's Prayer by heart?" Most people, even non-Christians, know the Lord's Prayer, or

parts of it, by memory. The familiar words of this prayer can easily come to mind for most people. But that familiarity is a double-edged sword. If you're anything like me, you may have the unfortunate habit of skimming over this prayer as you say it. The words come easily, but the meaning gets left behind. I encourage you to try slowing down and meditating upon each phrase of the prayer to better focus on the meaning of these wonderful words of our Savior. It will help with not only your understanding of the prayer, but also how it can be applied in your faith life.

Of course, this is exactly what Martin Luther did as he was compiling the Small Catechism. Each part of the Lord's Prayer was put into seven sections called "Petitions". For the purpose of this article, I'd like to apply each piece of this prayer to evangelism.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name

The substance of your outreach should be rooted in our Heavenly Father, and in Him alone.

Your kingdom come

The action item of an advertisement is sometimes named the CTA, or Call to Action. When you evangelize, what is your CTA? What is your purpose? It should be the expansion of the Kingdom of God, the one that has been established in each believer's heart.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Evangelism can go hand-in-hand with skepticism: Will anyone listen?, Will anyone care?, Will they laugh at me? Excuses abound: We don't have enough money in our budget, I'm not a good public speaker, I'm too busy. Instead of worrying about the success of your outreach or your own abilities, put everything in God's hands. Simply preach the Word and say "Your will be done".

Give us today our daily bread

This is similar to "Your will be done." It's too easy to worry about the "stuff" of evangelism: money, resources, time, volunteers, personal abilities. But as we have learned from the Word time and time again, so we believe: God will provide.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

God's love for us was no more clearly shown than when He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Through that sacrifice we are forgiven for every single sin we commit. While it is important to include the law in our outreach messaging, it is even more important to deliver the good news of the forgiveness of the sins of the world. We don't need fancy words or logic to convince people. We simply need the message of Christ and what His sacrifice means to us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

As with every other aspect of our life, temptations will arise in our evangelism efforts. You may get obvious temptations to quit evangelizing. But more likely, subtle temptations will arise to become complacent or to divert the focus of your outreach to the quality of your speech, to the beauty of your church facility, or to the size of your congregation.

As we have heard elsewhere in this prayer, focus on the Word of God alone. His will is behind your message. We also know that everyone's days are numbered, while there are many who have not yet heard of our Savior. We should not ignore the Divine call to spread the Gospel.

The Lord's Prayer is short and easy to remember. But don't let that simplicity fool you. These words from Christ are powerful and not to be overlooked. They can apply to every aspect of your life, including outreach, and should be a frequent consideration in your devotions at home or your daily interactions with others.

Read More About this Topic

Matthew 6:5-15 Proverbs 15:26-33

Catechism Evangelism

The Ten Commandments
The First Article

The Second Article The Lord's Supper

The Third Article The Office of the Keys and Confession



The **Committee of Domestic Fields** is a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board. "The purpose of the Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF) is to make outreach ideas and material available to CLC congregations and to encourage them in carrying out the Great Commission of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

The Lord's Prayer

Baptism

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